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Title: AUTO-CONFIGURATION PROCESS FOR A POINT CODE IN A
COMMON CHANNEL SIGNALING NETWORK

BOX PATENT APPLICATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the examination of the above-identified application, please amend this application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the following claims:

6. The process of claim 4 [or 5], wherein said parameters comprise at least one of clock signal configuration, bit encoding type, used cable instance.
7. The process of claim 4 [, 5 or 6], wherein a protocol on said link is a time division multiplex protocol, and wherein said parameters further comprise a time slot.

REMARKS

The examiner is respectfully requested to consider this preliminary amendment prior to examination of the application. No new matter has been added.

Please grant any required extensions of time and charge any fees due in connection with this request to Deposit Account No. 08-2025.

Respectfully submitted,

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